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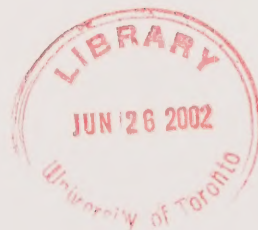
Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of the Chair





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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Louis Plamondon, David Price, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: John O'Reilly for Stan Dromisky.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to the Order adopted by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, election of a Chair.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

Carmen Provenzano moved, seconded by John O'Reilly, that Colleen Beaumier do take the Chair of the Sub-Committee.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, Colleen Beaumier was declared duly elected Chair of the Sub-Committee and invited to take the Chair.

At 3:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Dan McTeague for David Price.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

The Sub-Committee considered its future business.

It was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee undertake hearings on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

It was also agreed, - That the Royal Canadian Legion be invited to appear before the Sub-Committee as the first witness when the Sub-Committee will resume its activities at the beginning of next February.

At 3:55 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, January 31, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on long term care for veterans

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Legion:

Gordon Beech, Service Officer;

Allan Parks, Dominion Command 1st Vice-President; Chairman, Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee;

Jim Rycroft, Director, Service Bureau, Dominion Command; Secretary, Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee.





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Meeting No. 3

Thursday, January 31, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Dan McTeague, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

Other Member present: David Pratt.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Legion: Allan Parks, Dominion Command 1st Vice President and Chairman Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee; Jim Rycroft, Director - Service Bureau (Dominion Command) and Secretary Veterans, Service and Seniors Committee; Beech Gordon, Service Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced a study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

Allan Parks and Jim Rycroft made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of an operational budget.

It was agreed, That the proposed budget in the amount of \$40,000 be adopted by the Sub-Committee for its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

At 10:48 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
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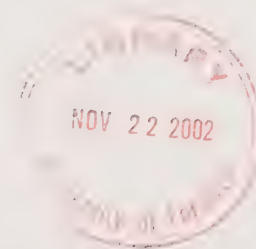
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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 28, 2002

IN CAMERA





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, February 28, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

The Sub-Committee considered a workplan for its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

After debate, it was agreed, - That the workplan be adopted.

At 10:06 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Long Term Care for Veterans

APPEARING:

Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development)

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;

Larry Murray, Deputy Minister.





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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 4:05 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Dan McTeague, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Yvon Godin for Peter Stoffer.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Rey Pagtakhan, P.C., M.P., Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: Larry Murray, Deputy Minister; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Keith Hillier, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Sub-Committee considered a travel budget.

It was agreed, -- That the proposed budget in the amount of \$21,460 be adopted for the Sub-Committee's travel to Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue (April 18, 2002) and Toronto (May 1 and 2, 2002).

At 5:16 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 21, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Briefing session on the Canadian Battlefield Memorials Restoration Project 2001-2006

WITNESS:

Veterans Affairs Canada:

André Smith, Director General, Canadian Battlefield Memorials Restoration Project, Public Affairs Branch.





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Meeting No. 6

Thursday, March 21, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: André Smith, Director General - Canadian Battlefield Memorials Restoration Project; Lorraine Flannery, Senior Liaison Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee convened for a briefing session on the Canadian Battlefield Memorials Restoration Project 2001-2006.

André Smith made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 09:50 a.m., Bob Wood took the Chair.

At 10:34 a.m., Colleen Beaumier took the Chair.

At 11:00 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps
Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, April 11, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans

WITNESSES:

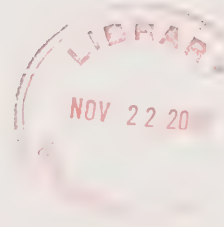
National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada:

H. Clifford Chadderton, Chairman;

Brian Forbes, Honorary Secretary General and Legal Counsel;

Faye Lavell, Director, National Service Bureau;

Jean MacMillan, Assistant Director, Administrative, National Service Bureau.





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Meeting No. 7

Thursday, April 11, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Peter Stoffer, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the National Council of Veteran Associations in Canada: H. Clifford Chadderton, Chairman; Brian Forbes, Honorary Secretary General and Legal Counsel; Faye Lavell, Director, National Service Bureau; Jean MacMillan, Assistant Director, Administrative, National Service Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

Mr. Chadderton made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The sub-Committee considered a travel budget.

It was agreed, -- That in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Western Canada from May 26 to 31, 2002 for a fact finding mission, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed travel budget in the amount of \$88, 835 be adopted.

At 10:58 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, April 25, 2002

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans

WITNESSES:

Health Canada:

Nancy Garrard, Director, Division of Aging and Seniors, Centre for Healthy Human
Development, Population and Public Health Branch;

Paul Gully, Doctor, Senior Director General, Population and Public Health Branch;

Sue Morrison, Manager, Palliative Care Secretariat, Health Policy and Communications
Branch.





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Meeting No. 8

Thursday, April 25, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Claude Bachand for Louis Plamondon

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Department of Health: Dr. Paul Gully, Senior Director General, Population and Public Health Branch; Nancy Garrard, Director, Division of Aging and Seniors, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch; Sue Morrison, Manager, Palliative Care Secretariat, Health Policy and Communications Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

Dr. Gully made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:18 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, May 23, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 9

Thursday, May 23, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee considered its future business.

It was agreed, --That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Eastern Canada from September 22 to 26, 2002 for a fact finding mission, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed travel budget in the amount of \$66,320. be adopted.

It was agreed, --That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to the United States of America from October 21 to 24, 2002 for a fact finding mission, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed travel budget in the amount of \$71,932. be adopted.

At 9:15 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 6, 2002

IN CAMERA





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Meeting No. 10

Thursday, June 6, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Roy Bailey, Colleen Beaumier, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Claude Bachand for Louis Plamondon.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner; Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft interim report on Long-Term Care for Veterans: The West Coast Crisis.

It was agreed, --That the Draft Report, as amended, be concurred in as the First Report of the Sub-Committee and that the Chair or her designate be authorized to present it to the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs at the earliest possibility.

It was agreed, --That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Sub-Committee recommends that the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs request that the government table a comprehensive response to this report within one hundred and twenty (120) days.

It was agreed, --That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

At 9:20 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of the Chair





MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 5:30 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Roy Bailey, Ivan Grose, Dan McTeague, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: Peter Stoffer for Bill Blaikie.

Other Member present: Joe McGuire.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Rossignol, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, seconded by Elsie Wayne, it was agreed, --That Bob Wood be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Accordingly, Bob Wood was duly elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 5:37 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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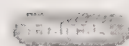
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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday February 12, 2003

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Roy Bailey, Bill Blaikie, Ivan Grose, Dan McTeague, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner and Michel Gossignol, Research Officers.

The Subcommittee considered its future business.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to retain the professional services of Mr. Barry Hamilton, as a consultant for the Subcommittee, for the period of April 1st, 2003, to June 30, 2003, at a cost of \$535. per day, for 20 days, for a total amount of \$10,700, and that, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$26,305. be adopted by the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs be authorized to travel to Eastern Canada from March 31 to April 4, 2003, with the necessary staff, and that the proposed budget in the amount of \$66,848.50 be adopted for the Subcommittee's travel.

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on February 19 or 26, 2003.

It was also agreed to meet with the Royal Canadian Legion at the Legion House, on March 26, 2003 or to invite its representatives to appear before the Subcommittee.

At 4:05 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Long Term Care for Veterans

APPEARING:

Hon. Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;

Darragh Mogan, Director General, Program and Service Policy Division;

Larry Murray, Deputy Minister.



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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Roy Bailey, Ivan Grose, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Appearing: The Honourable Rey Pagtakhan, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

Witnesses: From the Department of Veterans Affairs: Larry Murray, Deputy Minister; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Michaela Huard, Director General - Policy Coordination and Ottawa Headquarters; Darragh Mogan, Director General - Program and Service Policy Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the Subcommittee proceeded *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That, in relation to its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans, the revised operational budget in the amount of \$15,605. be adopted.

At 5:12 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study on Long Term Care for Veterans

WITNESS:

University of Manitoba:

Evelyn Shapiro, Professor-Senior Scholar, Department of Community Health Sciences,
Faculty of Medicine.





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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Roy Bailey, Ivan Grose, Louis Plamondon, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witness: From the University of Manitoba: Evelyn Shapiro, Professor-Senior Scholar, Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Roy Bailey, Bill Blaikie, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of future business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee adopt the following schedule of meetings:

- May 28, 2003: Canadian Legion;
- June 4, 2003: Draft Report;
- June 11, 2003: Veterans Review and Appeal Board *in camera*.

At 3:40 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Eugene Morawski

Subcommittee Clerk

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans

WITNESSES:

Royal Canadian Legion:

Pierre Allard, Service Bureau Director;

Jim Margerum, Long Term Care Coordinator;

Allan Parks, Dominion President.



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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Roy Bailey, Louis Plamondon, Carmen Provenzano, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Royal Canadian Legion: Allan Parks, Dominion President; Jim Margerum, Long Term Care Coordinator; Pierre Allard, Service Bureau Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed consideration of its study on Long-Term Care for Veterans.

Allan Parks made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:55 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Sub-Committee
on

VETERANS AFFAIRS

of the
Standing Committee
on

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, June 4 2003

IN CAMERA



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Bill Blaikie, Louis Plamondon, Rose-Marie Ur, Elsie Wayne, Bob Wood.

Acting Member present: David Price for Ivan Grose.

In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee considered a draft report on long-term care for Veterans.

It was agreed, — That the Draft Report as amended be concurred in as the First Report of the Sub-Committee and that the Chair be authorized to present it to the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs at the earliest possibility.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Sub-Committee recommend that the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs request that the government table a comprehensive response to this report within one hundred and fifty (150) days.

It was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance to the Report.

At 4:10 p.m., the Sub-committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Monday, March 29, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of the Chair



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 1

nday, March 29, 2004

Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:35 p.m. on this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Murray Calder, Rick Casson, Jay Hill, John O'Reilly, Carmen Provenzano, Peter M. Fisher and Bob Wood.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

That Bob Wood be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 3:57 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

13/03/04 3:27 p.m.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Veteran's Independence Program (VIP) benefits.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Murray Calder,
Rick Casson,
John O'Reilly,
Carmen Provenzano,
Elsie Wayne
and Bob Wood.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:
Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;
Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services;

Colleen Soltermann, Policy Analyst, Program Policy Directorate.

Verna Bruce made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, John O'Reilly, Carmen Provenzano, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Brian Ferguson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Services; Colleen Soltermann, Policy Analyst, Program Policy Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Veteran's Independence Program (VIP) benefits.

Verna Bruce made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/04/23 3:01 p.m.

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Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Bob Wood, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Claude Bachand, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, John O'Reilly, Elsie Wayne and Bob Wood.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That Mr. James Cotter be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on May 5th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. .

It was agreed, — That Mr. André Marin, Ombudsman of National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman, and representatives from the Dominion Command, The Royal Canadian Legion, be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on May 5th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. .

It was agreed, — That witnesses be invited to appear in relation to Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome on May 12th.

At 4:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

04/04/30 10:08 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Bob Wood, Lib.

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its study of Korean War Veterans.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its study of Veterans need for an Ombudsman.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Claude Bachand,
Hon. Bill Blaikie,
Murray Calder,
Rick Casson,
John O'Reilly
and Elsie Wayne.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
David Cotter;

James Cotter.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Acting Chair, Murray Calder, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Claude Bachand, Hon. Bill Blaikie, Murray Calder, Rick Casson, John O'Reilly and Elsie Wayne.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: David Cotter; James Cotter.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee commenced its study of Korean War Veterans.

David Cotter read a statement for James Cotter and the witnesses answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Witnesses: National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman: André Marin, Ombudsman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee commenced its study of Veterans need for an Ombudsman.

It was agreed that the Acting Chair read into the record a prepared statement sent to the Committee by Allan Parks, Dominion President, The Royal Canadian Legion.

André Marin made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Monday, November 22, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell
Betty Hinton
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota
Rose-Marie Ur

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen for Peter Stoffer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Monday, November 22, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Nathan Cullen for Peter Stoffer.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

It was agreed, — That Anthony Rota be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That Betty Hinton be elected as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Betty Hinton, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Subcommittee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee would meet on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee proceed to sit *in camera*.

At 11:15 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:17 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Subcommittee proceeded *in camera* to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee instruct the Analyst from the Parliamentary Information and Research Service to develop several proposed study plans from the Member's recommendations for their consideration at the next meeting.

At 11:40 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/11/24 10:07 a.m.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Monday, November 29, 2004

IN CAMERA



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Monday, November 29, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Peter Stoffer and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee adopt the routine motions as adopted by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs with the exception of the motion creating the subcommittee which read as follows:

Motion to receive and publish evidence in the absence of a quorum

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present including a member of the opposition and one member of the government

Time limits for witnesses statements and questioning

That witnesses be given, at the discretion of the Chair, ten (10) minutes to make their opening statement; That during the questioning of witnesses the time allocated to each questioner be as follows: On the first round of questioning, seven (7) minutes to a representative of each party in the following order: Conservatives, Bloc Québécois, NDP and Liberals. On the following rounds of questioning, five (5) minutes per party beginning with the Conservatives, the Liberals, the Bloc Québécois, the Liberals, the Conservatives, the Liberals and the Conservatives, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with the NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round; and that when a Minister is in attendance in the first round of questioning ten (10) minutes be allocated to each of the opposition parties and ten (10) minutes to the Liberal party, and in a second round five (5) minutes to each party in the following order; Conservative, Liberal, Bloc Québécois, Liberal, Conservative, Liberal and Conservative, and in a third round the order would be the same as in the second round with the NDP being able to ask questions at the end of the round

Payment of witnesses' travel and living expenses

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair

Distribution of documents with translation

That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Subcommittee documents only when they exist in both official languages and that no document provided by a witness be distributed without the Clerk's authorization

Staff attending in camera meetings

That, during *in camera* meetings a member may be accompanied by one assistant and in the event that a member is unable to attend a meeting, one (1) assistant from their office may be present

***In camera* meetings transcripts**

That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Subcommittee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Subcommittee

Notice of substantive motions

That, except for amendments to bills, twenty-four (24) hours' written notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Subcommittee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Subcommittee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Subcommittee's next meeting

It was agreed, — That the Minister of Veterans Affairs be invited to appear Monday, February 7, 2005 and that the meeting be televised if possible.

It was agreed, — That inquiries be made as to which recommendations of the Subcommittee's report, Honouring the Pledge, have been implemented and why the others have not been implemented.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses: André Marin, Ombudsman for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces and Dr. Robert Belzile be invited to appear in relation to the Committee's study on Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome, Monday, December 6, 2004.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on the Veteran Independence Program.

At 11:59 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/11/30 10:42 a.m.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Monday, December 6, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on November 29, 2004, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell
Betty Hinton
Gordon O'Connor
Gilles-A. Perron
Anthony Rota
Peter Stoffer
Rose-Marie Ur

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman:
André Marin, Ombudsman.

Department of National Defence:
Barbara Finlay, Director General of Operations, Office of the
Ombudsman;

George Sharpe, Brigadier-General (retired), Special Advisor to the
Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman.

The Ombudsman made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Monday, December 6, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota, Peter Stoffer and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Defence and Canadian Forces Ombudsman: André Marin, Ombudsman.

Department of National Defence: BGen George Sharpe, (Retired), Special Advisor to the Ombudsman, Office of the Ombudsman; Barbara Finlay, Director General of Operations, Office of the Ombudsman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on November 29, 2004, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.

The Ombudsman made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:48 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

At 12:58 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Anthony Rota.

Meeting No. 4

Monday, December 13, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on "Honoring the Pledge", follow-up on Government Response.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Betty Hinton,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron
and Anthony Rota.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:
Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;
John Walker, Regional Director General, Atlantic Region.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Monday, December 13, 2004

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron and Anthony Rota.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; John Walker, Regional Director General, Atlantic Region.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on "Honoring the Pledge", follow-up on Government Response.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee would meet to discuss future business January 31, 2005.

At 12:22 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Monday, January 31, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Monday, January 31, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota and Peter Stoffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee will meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m to 5:30 p.m.

It was agreed, — That the Minister appear before the Subcommittee on February 23, 2005 rather than February 21, 2005.

It was agreed,— That Mr. Pierre Allard, Director, Service Bureau Dominion Command, The Royal Canadian Legion be invited to appear before the Subcommittee at a future date.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee undertake a study of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

It was agreed, — That the Chair of the Subcommittee write to the Chair of the Defence Committee requesting authority to do a study on the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and other elements of the pensions and benefits package.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee undertake a study on the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and other elements of the pensions and benefits package.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee undertake a study on whether Veterans require an independent Ombudsman and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write to various Veterans' organizations asking their position on the necessity of an independent Ombudsman for Veterans.

It was agreed, — That Mr. Victor Marchand, Chair of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board Canada, be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, in relation to its study on the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk be instructed, in consultation with the Chair, to prepare a draft budget for the Subcommittee's proposed study on the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

At 11:44 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
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Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and authorization by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and other elements of the pay and benefits package.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Betty Hinton,
Gordon O'Connor,
Anthony Rota
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Louis Plamondon for Gilles-A. Perron.

IN ATTENDANCE:

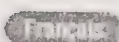
Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of National Defence:
Col Claude Rochette, Director General, Compensation and
Benefits;
Cdr Frank Vandervoort, Director, Pay Policy and Development;
Anne Gravelle, Director, Pension and Social Programs.

Col Rochette made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 306 West Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Anthony Rota and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Gilles-A. Perron.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of National Defence: Col Claude Rochette, Director General, Compensation and Benefits; Cdr Frank Vandervoort, Director, Pay Policy and Development; Anne Gravelle, Director, Pension and Social Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and authorization by the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act and other elements of the pay and benefits package.

Col Rochette made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:39 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That representatives from the Royal Canadian Legion be invited to appear in relation to the study on the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans, Wednesday Feb. 16, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Minister be invited to appear on April 6, 2005.

At 4:52 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Betty Hinton,
Gordon O'Connor,
Gilles-A. Perron,
Anthony Rota
and Peter Stoffer.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

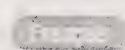
Royal Canadian Legion:

Mary Ann Burdett, Dominion President;

Pierre Allard, Director, National Service Bureau.

Mary Ann Burdett made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Gilles-A. Perron, Anthony Rota and Peter Stoffer.

Acting Members present: Cheryl Gallant for Gordon O'Connor.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Royal Canadian Legion: Mary Ann Burdett, Dominion President; Pierre Allard, Director, National Service Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

Mary Ann Burdett made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$11,800, for the study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$8,000 for a study on the Veterans Review and Appeal Board be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write to the Minister requesting that she approach Canada Post concerning the possibility of issuing a commemorative stamp celebrating the Royal Canadian Legion's 80th anniversary in 2006.

At 5:14 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENCE AND
VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Gilles-A. Perron,
Peter Stoffer
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rob Anders for Betty Hinton,
and Rick Casson for Gordon O'Connor.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister;

Eric Marinacci, Regional Director , Pension Advocacy (Eastern
Region);

Anthony Saez, Executive Director and Chief Pensions Advocate
(incoming), Bureau of Pension Advocates.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, March 23, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Larry Bagnell, Gilles-A. Perron, Peter Stoffer and Rose-Marie Ur.

Guest Members present: Rob Anders for Betty Hinton and Rick Casson for Gordon O'Connor.

Attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Veterans Affairs: Verna Bruce, Associate Deputy Minister; Eric Marinacci, Regional Director, Pension Advocacy (Eastern Region); Anthony Saez, Executive Director and Chief Pensions Advocate (incoming), Bureau of Pensions Advocate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting resumed sitting in camera.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee make the necessary arrangements for the Subcommittee to carry out its visit of the War Museum as soon as possible.

At 5:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Betty Hinton,
Gordon O'Connor,
Anthony Rota
and Peter Stoffer.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for Gilles-A. Perron.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Veterans Review and Appeal Board:

Victor Marchand, Chair;

Dale Sharkey, Director General.

Victor Marchand made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 5:36 p.m. this day, in Room 362 East Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Anthony Rota and Peter Stoffer.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for Gilles-A. Perron.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: Veterans Review and Appeal Board: Victor Marchand, Chair; Dale Sharkey, Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the Veterans Review and Appeal Board.

Victor Marchand made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 6:38 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Odina Desrochers,
Betty Hinton,
Gordon O'Connor,
Anthony Rota
and Peter Stoffer.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Sean Bruyey;
Perry Gray;
Louise Richard;
Georges Villeneuve.

Mr. Bruyey made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Chair, Anthony Rota, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Odina Desrochers, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Anthony Rota and Peter Stoffer.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Sean Bruyea; Perry Gray; Louise Richard; Georges Villeneuve.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

Mr. Bruyea made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Betty Hinton,
Gordon O'Connor,
Anthony Rota,
Peter Stoffer
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Louis Plamondon for Odina Desrochers.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Russ Powers.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Wolf Koerner, Analyst;

Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

WITNESS:

As an Individual:

Harold Leduc.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 208 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Betty Hinton, presiding.

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Betty Hinton, Gordon O'Connor, Anthony Rota, Peter Stoffer and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Odina Desrochers.

Other Members present: Russ Powers.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Wolf Koerner, Analyst; Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Harold Leduc.

At 3:33 p.m. Mr. Rota took the Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on January 31, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of the necessity to have an independent Ombudsman for Veterans and associated issues related to Gulf War Veterans.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Anthony Rota, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Gordon O'Connor,
Anthony Rota
and Peter Stoffer.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Duncan for Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs met at 5:30 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Subcommittee present: Hon. Larry Bagnell, Gordon O'Connor, Anthony Rota and Peter Stoffer.

Acting Members present: John Duncan for Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Michel Rossignol, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Peter Stoffer, it was agreed, — That Anthony Rota be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of the Vice-Chair.

On motion of Gordon O'Connor, it was agreed, — That Betty Hinton be elected Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

At 5:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Andrew Bartholomew Chaplin
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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